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SUBJ: SEABED ARMS CONTROL TREATY REVIEW CONFERENCE: SIXTH AND
SEVENTH PLENARY MEETINGS, JUNE 23, 1977

1. SUMMARY: DURING JUNE 23 PLENARY MEETINGS OF THE
SEABED ARMS CONTROL TREATY REVIEW CONFERENCE, GENERAL
STATEMENTS WERE MADE BY THE REPRESENTATIVES OF AUSTRALIA,
ITALY, TURKEY, GREECE, SWITZERLAND, MOROCCO, YUGOSLAVIA,
CZECHOSLOVAKIA, HUNGARY, POLAND, BYELORRUSSIAN SSR, AND
MONGOLIA. THIS CONCLUDED GENERAL DEBATE, AND ARTICLE-
BY-ARTICLE REVIEW OF THE TREATY WILL BEGIN ON JUNE 24.
END SUMMARY.

2. AUSTRALIAN REP (BLAKENEY) SAID THAT THE TREATY IS
OPERATING EFFECTIVELY AND THAT THE QUESTION OF FURTHER
MEASURES SHOULD BE KEPT UNDER REVIEW, BUT THAT AT THE
MOMENT THERE ARE DISARMAMENT ISSUES OF DEMONSTRABLY
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GREATER PRIORITY.

3. ITALIAN REP (BERNARDO) STATED IT WOULD NOT
BE SUITABLE AT PRESENT TO PROPOSE AMENDMENTS TO THE
PRESENT TEXT, AND THAT REGARDLESS OF THE OUTCOME OF LAW
OF THE SEA NEGOTIATIONS THE TREATY'S DEFINITION OF THE
SEABEDS ZONE WOULD REMAIN VALID. THE ITALIAN REP STATED

THAT ITALY WOULD WELCOME ANY PRACTICAL IMPROVEMENTS TO THE TREATY'S VERIFICATION PROCEDURES.

4. TURKISH REP (SUAT BILGE) STATED HIS COUNTRY'S GENERAL DISSATISFACTION WITH ARTICLE II, AND THAT THE ZONE EXEMPTED FROM THE TREATY'S PROVISION IS A FUNCTIONAL ONE, IN NO WAY GREATER THAN 12 MILES WIDE. THE TURKISH REP DECLARED THAT QUOTE ONE OF OUR PREOCCUPATIONS HAS BEEN THE APPLICATION OF THE TREATY TO THE SEABED OF DEMILITARIZED TERRITORIES. IN THIS REGARD ARTICLES IV AND IX DO NOT RELATE TO DEMILITARIZED TERRITORIES IN SUCH A WAY AS TO PERMIT PLACING ARMS IN THEIR NATIONAL ZONES ON THE SEABEDS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF ARTICLE I(2). IT IS WELL KNOWN THAT A STATE CANNOT EXERCISE A CAPACITY ON THE SEABED EXTENSION OF ITS TERRITORY WHICH IT DOES NOT HAVE ON ITS TERRITORY ITSELF. FURTHER, IT IS NOT POSSIBLE TO THINK THAT A DIS-ARMAMENT TREATY ACCORDS THE RIGHT OF ARMING A DEMILITARIZED ZONE. THIS IS EVIDENT, BUT SO THAT THERE MAY BE NO DOUBT OR ERRONEOUS INTERPRETATION, WE ASK THAT THIS QUESTION BE ADDRESSED WITH CLARITY. IN THIS CONNECTION WE DO NOT HAVE A RIGID POSITION AS TO THE FORM AND THE PLACE OF THIS CLARIFICATION. UNQUOTE. IN ADDITION, THE TURKISH REP DECLARED THAT TURKEY FAVORS FIXING A SPECIFIC DATE FOR THE NEXT REVCON.

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5. GREEK REP (AFENDULI), SPEAKING AS REP OF A SIGNATORY COUNTRY, RESERVED THE RIGHT TO EXPRESS THE VIEWS OF HIS GOVERNMENT DURING DISCUSSION OF RELEVANT ARTICLES.

6. SWISS REP (BINDSCHEDLER), DECLARING SATISFACTION WITH THE TREATY, SAW NO NEW TECHNOLOGICAL DEVELOPMENT WHICH WOULD REQUIRE A CHANGE OR AN ADDITION TO THE TREATY. THE 12-MILE LINE FOR THE BEGINNING OF THE SEABEDS ZONE, HE SAID, MUST ABSOLUTELY BE MAINTAINED, REGARDLESS OF THE OUTCOME OF LAW OF THE SEA NEGOTIATIONS. THE SWISS REP SUPPORTED THE JAPANESE PROPOSAL ON VERIFICATION AND CALLED FOR THE NEXT REVCON TO BE HELD FIVE YEARS FROM NOW.

7. MOROCCAN REP (SKALLI) STATE THAT NEGOTIATING FURTHER MEASURES WOULD EVENTUALLY BE NECESSARY, AND SUGGESTED SETTING A FIXED DATE FOR THE NEXT REVCON.

8. YUGOSLAV REP (LALOVIC) STATED THAT THE SEABED CANNOT BE CONSIDERED SEPARATELY FROM THE OCEAN AS A WHOLE, AND THAT THE ARMS RACE IN THE OCEAN WILL NO DOUBT BRING

QUALITATIVE CHANGES ON THE SEABEDS. HE EXPRESSED DIS-
APPOINTMENT AT THE LACK OF INFORMATION FURNISHED TO THE
REVCON ON TECHNOLOGICAL DEVELOPMENTS. DECLARING THAT
NEGOTIATIONS ON FURTHER MEASURES SHOULD BE HELD AND SHOULD
BE PART OF EFFORTS LEADING TOWARDS GRADUAL REDUCTION AND
WITHDRAWAL OF FLEETS FROM SENSITIVE REGIONS OF THE WORLD,
THE YUGOSLAV REP SAID THAT "WE AND MANY NATIONS IN THE
MEDITERRANEAN BASIN WOJLD FEEL MUCH HAPPIER AND MORE
SECURE IF THESE WATERS ALSO COULD BECOME A ZONE OF PEACE
AND COOPERATION." IN CONCLUSION, THE YUGOSLAV REP
CALLED FOR THE DATE OF THE NEXT REVCON TO BE SPECIFIED
PRECISELY.

9. THE REPS OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA (RUZEK),
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HUNGARY (DOMOKOS), POLAND (OLSZOWKA), BYELORRUSSIAN SSR
(LUKYANOVICH), AND MONGOLIA (ERDEMBILEG) MADE STATEMENTS
ECHOING SOVIET VIEWS.SORENSEN

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